

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

May 25, 2021 Meeting

- I. A virtual online meeting was held and called to order by Chair Mari Lee.
- II. The following members and others were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, Francisco Alves, Cindy Shubin, Greg Sember, Chris Isleib, Irene Packer-Halsey and Lee Whisner. Dia Drake-Sprague with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, and Human Relations Department staff members Pat Fleet and Miles Ward. City Liaison Ben MacShane was also present.
- III. The minutes from the April 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote with a motion made by Annette Breiling and a second from Lisa Clark.
- IV. Guest speaker – Elizabeth Chung is the Executive Director of the Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF). The agency was formed 17 years ago. Their mission is “To equip Community with essential skills to be independent and self-sufficient”. The agency has held many event to assist with food distribution, medical care and other community needs. They are growing and will be looking for a larger location.
- V. Officers’ reports
On behalf of the Treasurer Pat Fleet reported that the current balance of HRC funds is \$3,128.00.
- VI. Standing Committees

CRC - Reported that Barbara Brookmyer will be presenting a forum “Past, Present and Future” on the COVID vaccine on Thursday evening at 6:30pm. They are working on a follow-up to the previous forum. They are meeting next week to come up with a date.

GRC – The proposal for the luncheon was submitted. Mari Lee will be reaching out to the proposed speaker.

IRC – No report at this time.
- VII. Liaison Report – Ben MacShane reported that the city is moving forward after the COVID epidemic. They have just approved the budget for the next year.

VIII. Action items:

- a) The discussion regarding the expanded language as it relates to the proposed regulation was deferred until the June meeting
- b) The GRC made a motion that the topic for the upcoming luncheon in December be "The 5 W's" (White Nationalism, White Supremacy, White Power, White Privilege, and White Frugality). Annette Breiling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IX. Old Business

- a. The Hate has no Business Campaign is going strong. At this time many businesses have put up the signs. There are over 50 pictures on Facebook, please leave a like or make a comment on the pictures. Many dignitaries have had their pictures taken and posted on Face Book. Also the Frederick Keys are getting involved. A collaborative art project with several schools and organizations is in the works. A motion was made by Mari Lee and a second by Greg that up to \$1,500 can be spent for Art supplies and other items related to this project.
Mari Lee made a motion and a second was made by Annette that up to \$1,000 can be spent on other items that will be needed by the HRC for events.
- b. Virtual Banquet – The Virtual Banquet was a success. The speaker was great and the music was outstanding.

X. New Business

- a. The nominating Committee presented the slate of officers: Chair – Mari Lee, Vice Chair – Lee Whisner, Treasurer, Chris Isleib. There was no one for Secretary. In June nominations will be taken from the floor.

- XI. Miles Ward reported that since March 1 the HRD has received 32 calls for information and assistance. Of those calls 24 were regarding employment, 4 housing and 4 public access, 8 involved disability.

- XII. Members that chose to do so gave brief comments.

- XIII. The meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were prepared by the Human Relations Department.